

REMARKS

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 4-7 and 11-22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 4 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of Claims 2 and 3. Moreover, Claims 6-9 have been amended to overcome the §112 rejection by clarifying the claim language regarding consistent recitation of "common first elective drive unit".

Claims 8 and 21 have been amended to change their dependency.

Claim 14 has been amended to clarify a punctuation error by deleting a comma.

Claims 2, 3 and 23 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

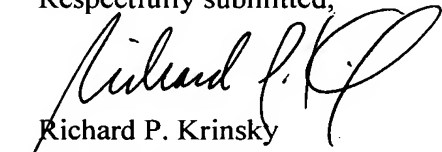
It is Applicants' understanding that Figures 3 and 4 submitted on October 3, 2007 are accepted and that Figures 1 and 2 on file prior to October 3, 2007 are accepted.

Based upon the above, Applicants' submit that Claims 4-9 and 11-22 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/42762).

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